



# 70<sup>TH</sup> REGIMENT (LDR) NEWSLETTER

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## GREETINGS

### Welcome

Det 2, HQ Det, 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Forces Battalion, 20 SF  
SSG John L'Heureux, Training NCO eff 11 Mar 08  
SGT Andrea Ashe, Admin NCO, eff 14 Mar 08  
SFC Timmie Telsee, OCS Instructor, eff 26 Feb 08  
SFC Mark Drake, BNCOC Instructor, eff 26 Feb 08

### Farewell

SSG Daniel Spruill, SGL BNCOC eff 8 Feb 08

## DUTY ASSIGNMENTS



SDO: CPT LEACH

SDNCO: Friday – SSG TUCKER  
Saturday – SFC DYKY

## COURSES BEING CONDUCTED

|                         |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 31B - (16 Students)     | Classroom #4        |
| OCS #49/DC (7 Students) | West VA, 17-20Apr08 |
| WOC – (8 Students)      | Classroom #5        |
| FITP – (25 Students)    | GYM/Bldg 205        |

## RELIGIOUS SERVICE



Church call is at 1730hrs on Saturday, in Classroom 3. All are welcome.

## COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Regimental Formation: 0730 Saturday on Drill Pad
2. Training meeting: 1330 Saturday in CR # 6
3. Sunday Morning Formation: 0730 on Drill Pad

4. Commanders Call: 0800 Sunday in CR # 6
5. Annual Training Meeting: 1000 Sunday in CR # 6
6. Final Formation: 1300 Sunday on Drill Pad
7. Next Scheduled Drill: 2-4 May 2008

## S1 INFORMATION

1. **Periodic Health Assessment (PHA):** The following soldiers need to coordinate with their chain of command and the S1 to complete this annual requirement:

| <u>NAME</u>    | <u>PHA Due</u> |
|----------------|----------------|
| MAJ Schmeling  | 11/4/2007      |
| CPT Leach      | 2/9/2008       |
| SFC Heinze, C. | 3/21/2008      |
| SSG Alexander  | 1/28/2008      |
| SFC Drake      | 4/8/2008       |

2. **Post Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA):** The PDHRA has been re-scheduled for 26 April 2008, 0800-1500. The following soldiers will report to the Baltimore VA Med Ctr:

- 1LT BROWNBAC, Douglas
- SFC JOSEPH, Kerry
- SGT SWARTHOUT, Steven

POC: MAJ Rambert

3. **Det 2, HQ Det, 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Forces Battalion, 20 SF:** is a new addition to the 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment effective 1 April 2008.

4. The **"FIRST FORMATION"** Newsletter is a new monthly bulletin from the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, with general information unique to our soldiers that is accessible from their home

computers. The First Formation Newsletter can be accessed from the Maryland National Guard Family Readiness Website from your home computer at <http://mdnngfamilysupport.com/>

**5. Message from CPT Fox, Deputy State Surgeon:**

Due to the intermittent problems being experienced with the display of the My Medical Readiness in AKO, MEDPROS has created a new link that Soldiers can access without going through AKO. The link is <http://mymedpros.army.mil>. By using this link, Soldiers can view their medical readiness status, download health records (immunization, medical readiness and hearing), view/download latest eyeglass prescriptions and complete the Deployment and Periodic Health Assessments.

**6. Unit Public Affairs Training:** The S-1 shop will be in training on 5 Apr 08, 1000 -1200. They will not be available during those hours.

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**S4 INFORMATION**

1. If you are new to the unit, you are required to do a 100% Show-down Inspection of all OCIE and personal clothing.

2. Supply actions for OCIE P/U, ACU P/U or 10% show-down for:

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|-----------------|---------------|
| • SPC KIRKLAND  | MAJ FAIR      |
| • SGT SWARTHOUT | 1LT BROWNBACK |
| • SFC DRAKE     | SFC TELSEE    |
| • CSM WITTMAN   |               |

3. AT will be here before you know it. Please check your drivers license expiration date. Your military driver's license expiration date should match the date of your civilian license.

4. Remember if you are within 60 days of your ETS date or transferring to another unit, please come and see supply to clear property.

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**S3 INFORMATION**

1. The next schedule drill assembly will be a MUTA 5 for 2-4 May 2008. Report on Friday, 2 May 2008 in IPFU for Semi Annual Weigh-In.

2. In preparation for Individual Weapons Qualification on 31 May 2008, the Engagement Skills Trainer will be operational during 5-6 April's IDT and 2-4 May's IDT weekend. Mandatory NBC and Night-fire qualification will be conducted; NBC Protective Masks will be provided. Soldiers are responsible for individual equipment; LBE and Kevlar required for Weapons Qualification.

3. All newly assigned personnel must in-process through the S-3 shop to ensure that you have proper training and instructor files established.

4. Combative Level I Train the Trainer is a 40-hour, one-week course at CFMR. If interested, contact MAJ Amy Bennett at (410)702-9694 or [amy.eileen.bennett@us.army.mil](mailto:amy.eileen.bennett@us.army.mil)

5. Army Accident Avoidance Course (AAC), formerly the Defensive Driving Course (DDC) is located on the same server as the Composite Risk Management (CRM). All soldiers are required to complete this course. The course is good for four (4) years. If you have taken either the AAC or the DDC provide the S3 with a copy of your certificate to complete this requirement. Logon at: <https://safetylms.army.mil>

6. Section leaders please ensure that all newly assigned soldiers have completed all mandatory on-line training and that their certificates are turned in to S-3 section. i.e., Composite Risk Management, Thumb Drive Awareness and Computer User Safety.

7. The following personnel need to report to the Gym at 0700 on 5 APR 08, after signing in for APFT:

- MAJ Boggs – Record
- SSG Harding – Record/Diagnostic
- SSG Lee – Record
- SFC Moxley – Record
- MSG O'Conner – Record
- SSG Savage – Record
- SFC Leath – Record
- LTC Brown – Diagnostic
- SFC Joseph – Diagnostic
- 1LT Oldfield – Diagnostic
- SSG Linstead – Record
- SFC Drake – Diagnostic
- SGT Swarthout – Diagnostic
- SFC Jolley - Diagnostic



**REGIMENTAL COMMANDER**

**Family Readiness Support:** I would like to give special thanks to SGT Pack, SPC Kirkland, and Mrs. Melissa Amison for volunteering to serve as our Family Readiness Support Group.

They attended the Family Readiness Workshop during March drill where I received the MDARNG Family Support Eagle Award. Our Family Readiness Support Group gladly accepted in my absence.

**Army Earth Day:** Earth Day is celebrated on 22 April. The US Army strategy for the environment is "Sustain the Mission - Secure the Future." The strategy is inspired by the need to address global factors influencing our Nation's security and stability. To meet these challenges, the Army is transforming how we

fight, train, conduct business, and interact with others to continually improve and provide for our Nation's security. For more information:

<http://aec.army.mil/dev/publicaffairs/earthday00.html>

**OCS #49 Winter Accelerated:** Congratulations to our four new second Lieutenants who graduated the winter accelerated OCS Program on 13Mar08, at the 5<sup>th</sup> Regt Armory. The graduation ceremony was a success. Thank you to all the personnel that made this happen.

**ARNG Education Benefits:** While attending the OCS/WOC National Conference 17-21Mar08, we had an opportunity to network with members from the other 53 RTIs. We received good information regarding the OCS/WOC Programs and ARNG Education Benefits.

As guardsmen, there are a number of opportunities for you to obtain a college degree to include a PhD. The Army training that you have received can be translated into college credits towards your degree. Most guardsmen are eligible for federal and state tuition assistance. As your commander, I highly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. For assistance, contact the S-1 or visit <http://www.virtualarmory.com/> (click on education tab)

**ATTENTION OFFICERS:** all Officers are scheduled for an OPD on 1Jun08. **Mission:** Staff Ride to Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg, MD. Everyone will be given a special assignment by the **OIC:** MAJ Boggs. Although this is not a schedule IDT, funds are available to pay you. For information on Antietam National Battlefield: <http://www.nps.gov/anti/>

COL Long



### **REGIMENTAL CSM**

#### ***BNCOC Graduates and Instructors***

Congratulations to the BNCOC Graduates. Special congratulations go out to the BNCOC instructors for their outstanding efforts in obtaining a 100% pass rate. In addition, I want to thank SSG Tucker and MSG Sellers for their continued support during this cycle.

#### ***Soldier/NCO of the Year Boards (SOY/NCO):***

This year the 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment (LDR) will conduct Soldier/Noncommissioned Officer, (SOY/NCO) of the year boards. The boards will be conducted on 28 September 2008 in classroom 7. The winners of our board will compete at the state level SOY/NCO boards. You may obtain a study guide from your section leader. I encourage every soldier to consider appearing before these boards to assist with your career development. This is a great opportunity for all soldiers to show case their military knowledge. A memorandum of instruction (MOI) will be distributed to your section leaders during April's drill outlining the requirements for your nomination packet. Please request the study guide

from your section sergeant, so you can brush up on your knowledge of all military subjects. The study guide may also be obtained from AKO or <http://www.armystudyguide.com/>

#### **ALARACT MESSAGES:**

TELECOMMUNICATIONS(uc),OU:ALARACT  
RELEASE AUTHORITY(UC)

SUBJECT: ALARACT 008/2008

TEXT:

UNCLASSIFIED//

This message has been sent by the pentagon telecommunications center on behalf of DA WASHINGTON DC//DAPE-HRPD-IRPD//  
SUBJ: AR 670-1, 3 FEB 05, WEAR AND APPEARANCE OF ARMY UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA (GOLD STAR LAPEL PIN)

1. This message serves as implementing instructions for changes to the wear policy outlined in ar 670-1, paragraph 29-7, dated 3 February 2005.
2. PARAGRAPH 29-7: ADD: 29-7C - GOLD STAR LAPEL PIN: soldiers who have lost an immediate family member in combat are authorized to wear the gold star lapel pin on the army green uniform. An immediate family is defined as a spouse, mother, father, children, or step-children. How worn: enlisted soldiers will wear the gold star lapel pin centered both vertically and horizontally on the left lapel of the army green uniform. Officers will wear the gold star lapel pin centered on the left lapel 1/4 inch below the branch insignia.
3. POC for uniform policy is SGM Katrina Easley, DSN 664-0623, COMM (703) 604-0623. E-MAIL IS Katrina.Easley@hqda.army.mil.
4. This message has been approved by the DCS, G-1.
5. This authority is effective immediately.
6. EXPIRATION. this message will expire upon next publication of AR 670-1.

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Subject: MILITARY UNIFORMS AND ACCESSORIES  
WEAR OUT DATES

1. The purpose of this message is to announce the wear out dates for uniforms and accessories items worn by military personnel.
2. The following items have a wear out date of 30 APR 08 for AC, USAR, ARNG. The wear out date for ROTC will be APR 09.
  - A. Battle Dress Uniform
  - B. Desert Battle Dress Uniform
  - C. T-Shirt, Brown
  - D. Boots, Combat, Leather Black
  - E. Woodland and Desert Camouflage Pattern Caps
  - F. Olive Drab Green Nametape and U.S. Army
  - G. Subdued Olive Green, Shoulder Sleeve Insignias and Subdued Shoulder Sleeve Insignias-Former Wartime Service
  - H. Black Rigger Belt
  - I. Belt, Web with Open-Faced Black Buckle
  - J. Jungle Boots (Green and Black)
3. The Black Knit Cap And Black Micro Fleece Knit Cap For Ac, USAR, And Arng Will Have A Wear Out Date Of 30 SEP 2009.

4. The Coat, Cold Weather, Woodland Camouflage Pattern (Field Jacket) For Ac, USAR, and Arng Will Have A Wear Out Date of 30 SEP 2010.
5. This message has been authorized by ARMY G-1.
6. HQDA POC for uniform wear policy is SGM Katrina Easley, Katrina.Easley@hqda.army.mil, DSN 664-0623, COMMERCIAL (703) 604-0623.
7. This message expires upon the next publication of AR 670-1.

To view uniform policies:

<http://www.armyg1.army.mil/hr/uniform/default.asp>

CSM Wittman



## 1SG CORNER

**THE 6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REGIMENTAL DINING-IN:** The Dining-In was fabulous! Everyone looked great in their Dress Blues and Greens. This was a great opportunity to get to meet many of our new

soldiers in the Regiment, reminisce with previous comrades and friends and a chance to get to learn something different about one of our own. Special thanks go out to CSM Wittman, MSG Newman, SFC C. Heinze, SFC E. Heinze, and SFC Moxley for making this a fun and memorable occasion.

### **Free Online Tax Filing for Military Members:**

IR-2007-46, Feb. 28, 2007

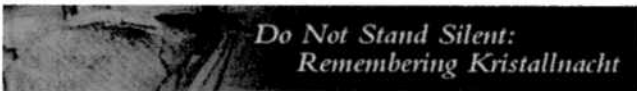
Tax season is coming to a close: April 15th. To avoid late fees and penalties, visit the following websites for tax services for FREE!

**WASHINGTON** — The Internal Revenue Service reminds members of the military to take advantage of Free File, which allows taxpayers to prepare and e-file their federal income tax return online for free. Taxpayers who have an adjusted gross income of \$52,000 or less in 2007 are eligible.

<http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=168230,00.html>

**MILITARYONESOURCE.COM** - Military OneSource offers free tax preparation for active duty, Guard, Reserve and their family members. Tax consultants are available Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. EDT. Call **1-800-730-3802** for help with personal tax-related questions and financial planning. <https://www.militaryonesource.com/skins/MOS/home.aspx?AllowSSL=true>

1SG Amison



### **EO Special/Ethnic Observances:**

"Days of Remembrance" for Victims of the Holocaust

Dates: April/May

Authority/Comments: Public Law 96-388, October 1980

*"If you saw a fanatical mob pillage and burn a church or synagogue you would not stand silent..."*

Thomas E. Dewey, *The New York Times*, November 12, 1938

The United States Congress established "The Days of Remembrance" as our nation's commemoration of the Holocaust. The Holocaust was a state sponsored, systematic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany from 1933-1945. In remembrance, this year's observance theme is ***"Do not Stand Silent: Remembering Kristallnacht 1938."***

This story begins 9-10 November 1938, when the Nazis invaded a Jewish community in Germany and violently vandalized and destroyed (meaning pogroms in Russian) their stores, community centers, homes and synagogues. The name Kristallnacht is known as the "Night of the Broken Glass." This refers to the broken windows of hundreds of synagogues before setting them on fire. Many of their neighbors, non-Jews, observed the destruction and attacks against the Jews. They felt powerless to help. Males 16 to 60 were arrested and deported to Dachau concentration camp where they were brutally beaten and many even killed.

The support of democratic institutions is imperative for preventing events such as Kristallnacht and the acts genocide occurring in Darfur, Africa today. Fairness, justice, and equality are not just a civil right, but also a human right for all. Stand and be heard!

For more information on Kristallnacht or the Holocaust, visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington DC and on the web at:

<http://www.ushmm.org/>

## **FAMILY READINESS PROGRAM**

*"Mission First, Families Always"*



The 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment's Family Readiness Group completed a 3-Day workshop in Ocean City, Maryland. They are eager and excited about implementing their knowledge and experience into our Family Readiness Program.

Members of the 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment's Family Readiness Group are:

SGT Antoinette Pack  
SPC Eboni Kirkland  
Mrs. Melissa Amison

**Family Readiness NCO**  
**Asst Family Readiness NCO**  
**Family Readiness Civilian**

With direction from the Commander and Command Sergeant Major, the Family Readiness Group will be drafting a plan of events for this year's Family Day (date to be determined). Feel free to provide ideas and suggestions to make this a memorable event. A family event.

#### **FAMILY READINESS WEBSITE**

The MDARNG has a Family Readiness website for MDARNG soldiers and their families. This site provides information on mobilization, children activities (camping), resources (support websites), employment and discounts from local stores to vacations around the world. Explore this website with your family at: <http://mdngfamilysupport.com/index.asp>

#### **UPCOMING EVENT**

On **25-27 April 2008**, the MDARNG will be hosting a Marriage Enrichment seminar at the Holiday Inn Select in Timonium, Maryland. The purpose of the seminar is to help service members and their spouse enhance relationships and form strong communication skills. The event includes free lodging. Meals and POV mileage will be reimbursed. Soldiers can request travel reimbursement through their unit. Spouses will be placed on Invitational Travel Orders by the State Family Program Office.

You and your spouse can enjoy an exciting weekend together with an opportunity to renew your vows. Spacing is limited. If you are interested please contact: Bill Turner 410-576-2990, [William.S.Turner@us.army.mil](mailto:William.S.Turner@us.army.mil)

#### **FAMILY VACATION**

Vacation getaways starting at \$329 per week.

As a service member, you and your family are eligible for FREE membership in the Armed Forces Vacation Club (AFVC). The AFVC have spacious rooms, condos and villas. There are over 3, 500 resorts in 80 countries. Spend the weekend in Orlando or Vegas. Spend a week on the Caribbean Islands or in Mexico. Explore the world in places such as France, Egypt, and Greece. Cruises are also available. Book today by calling 1-800-724-9988. You will be glad you did. <http://www.afvclub.com/>

#### **TEAM**

Special thanks go out to Mrs. Amison, the first lady of the one and only, 1SG Amison. Thank you for volunteering to serve as our unit's Family Readiness Civilian POC.

As the program continues to grow and develop, we will provide you and your family with more information. All family members are welcomed to become part of the team. After all, we are family.

#### **OTHER LINKS**

The Military Department's Newsletter:  
<http://www.mdmildep.org>

#### **FUTURE PUBLICATIONS:**

Please submit information for the next newsletter NLT 24 April 2008 to SGT Antoinette Pack, [antoinette.pack@us.army.mil](mailto:antoinette.pack@us.army.mil).

#### **Dining In Photos**





**STATE OF MARYLAND**  
**MILITARY DEPARTMENT**  
**FIFTH REGIMENT ARMORY**  
**BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21201-2288**

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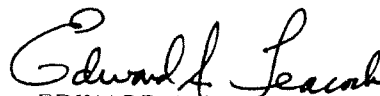
5 March 2008

**MEMORANDUM THRU** Commander, Headquarters, 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment (ATTN: COL Janet Long), Camp Fretterd, Reisterstown, MD 21136-4538

**FOR** 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Camp Fretterd, Reisterstown, Maryland 21136-4538

**SUBJECT:** Accreditation for the 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment

1. It is with great pleasure that I forward the enclosed Certificate of Accreditation and memorandum to the 70<sup>th</sup> Regiment Regional Training Institute from the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. As stated in the general comments, the regiment is "teaching to and above the standard TRADOC approved Program of Instruction for the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course".
2. The staff's efforts truly reflect the highest caliber of integrity and professionalism that is expected from every member of our Maryland Army National Guard. It is truly gratifying to learn our members of the Guard are assisting others in achieving their mission objectives. The dedication and hard work in this very intense course significantly contributes to meeting our training objectives.
3. Congratulations on achieving this milestone and keep up the good job!

  
EDWARD A. LEACOCK  
BG, MDARNG  
Commanding

Encl (4)

1. Certificate of Accreditation
2. USASMA Accreditation Memorandum
3. Accreditation and Executive Summary
4. Record for Evaluation

CF: CSM Charles Pfarr

